

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7 and Claims 13-16 stand rejected. In response, Claims 1 and 13 are amended. Claims 5, 6, 16, and 17 are cancelled and no claims are added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-2, 5, 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Partovi et al. U.S. Patent 5,353,424 (“Partovi”). In response, Claims 1 and 13 are amended to incorporate the features of objected to Claims 6 and 17, respectively, as well as intervening dependent Claims 5 and 16, respectively.

For each of the above reasons, therefore, Claims 1 and 13, as amended, and all claims which depend on Claim 1 and 13, respectively, are patentable over the cited art. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the § 102(b) rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 7, as well as the § 103(a) rejection of Claims 3 and 13-16.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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Respectfully submitted,

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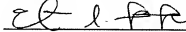
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